





## FIG. 4

MAINTAINING A DATABASE OF PATENT CLASSES, WHEREIN EACH CLASS
IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE LIMITATIONS INHERENT TO THE CLASS

MAINTAINING A DATABASE OF MAPPED PATENT CLAIMS, EACH
CLAIM INCLUDING AN ELEMENT MAPPED TO A PATENT CLASS, THE
MAPPED ELEMENTS BEING NON-INHERENT ELEMENTS OF THE
MAPPED PATENT CLASS

COMPARING PATENT CLAIM LANGUAGE WITH.

LANGUAGE OF MAPPED PATENT CLAIMS

SUGGESTING A MAPPING FOR THE PATENT CLAIM

LANGUAGE BASED ON THE COMPARING





